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1. PARTICIPATION OF SOVIET SCIENTISTS IN PROPOSED DRINKING WATER
PILOT STUDY UNDER AUSPICES OF NATO CCMS APPEARS TO BE CONSISTENT
WITH OUR POLICY OF INCREASING MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL SCIENTIFIC
CONTACTS BETWEEN THE US AND USSR. EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION TO
INVITING SOVIET SCIENTISTS TO PARTICIPATE IN SUBJECT STUDY.
WE DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT THE SOVIETS WILL GO ALONG WITH ANY
DEGREE OF PARTICIPATION IN NATO ORGANIZED STUDY. IN THIS
CONNECTION, WE NOTE THAT REF B ASKED US TO TRANSMIT INVITATION
TO SOVIET SCIENTISTS TO ATTEND CCMS EMERGENCY MEDICAL
SERVICES (EMS) CONFERENCE, WHICH MEETS IN MONTPELIER, FRANCE,
SEPTEMBER 26-28, 1977. REF C REPORTS TEPID SOVIET RESPONSE

TO THIS INVITATION.

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WM ORGANIZERS OF THE PROJECT SHOULD BE AWARE THAT DISCUSSION OF
DRINKING WATER PROBLEMS IN AN INTERNATIONAL FORUM MAY RISK
TOUCHING CERTAIN SOVIET SENSIBILITIES. DEPT HAS BEGUN
ADVISING AMERICAN TRAVELERS TO AVOID DRINKING TAP WATER IN
LENINGRAD BECAUSE OF UNUSUALLY HIGH INCIDENCE OF
GIARDIASIS FOLLOWING VISITS TO THAT CITY. MOSCOW ALSO MAY HAVE
GIARDIA PARASITES IN MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLY. SOVIETS HAVE

CONSISTENTLY DENIED THAT DRINKING WATER PROBLEM EXISTS IN
EITHER CITY.

3. US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT HAS WORKING GROUP IN AREA
OF WATER POLLUTION, IN WHICH QUESTIONS RELATED TO DRINKING
WATER HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED. IN ADDITION, A US MUNICIPAL
WATER TREATMENT DELEGATION HAS RECENTLY TRAVELED TO THE USSR
UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE US-USSR HOUSING AGREEMENT.
QUALIFIED US VISITORS HAVE COMMENTED THAT SOVIET LIQUID WASTE
DISPOSAL FACILITIES ARE GENERALLY BELOW TECHNICAL
LEVEL OF EQUIVALENT US FACILITIES. (REF D). DEPT COULD
MOST EARLY OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT US-USSR
COOPERATION IN THESE AREAS BY CONTACTING US EXECUTIVE
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4. IF SOVIETS ARE ASKED TO JOIN IN SUBJECT PILOT STUDY, THE
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